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'Bombs Over San Bernardino'

Arcadia Man Recalls Ballooning Days

—Photo by Louis Nunez

WORLD WAR I BALLOONIST — Rudolph C. Shosted, 79, of Arcadia, exhibits one of many pictures from his war days. Shosted manned an observation balloon, and used to practice spotting for bombers over Arcadia.

By TAYLOR MORTON
Arcadia Correspondent

A bomber flies out over the San Gabriel Valley and drops a load of bombs on San Bernardino. Miles away a young man in a 90-foot long balloon advises the pilot how close he came to his target.

The time was 1919-20. The young man was Rudolph C. Shosted, now 79, and the site from which he ascended in his observation balloon was Arcadia.

"At that time there were hardly any people here, let alone in the San Bernardino area," Shosted explained. "The boys who were going overseas would use the desert for test bombing. We'd go up about 3,000 feet or so and could tell them by the sound how close they came to their targets by locating the hit on a map and contacting them by radio."

Shosted came out to Arcadia from Duluth, Minn., and was assigned to the 51st Balloon Company because he had been quarantined with mumps and wasn't ready for active duty.

"At that time the balloon field was where the Arcadia-County golf course is now. When you'd get up there real high, there'd be a layer of clouds down below that looked just like a carpet of cotton," he said.

"The first balloon we sent up over France back in World War I was shot down within 60 seconds after taking the air. Those early ones were filled with hydrogen. Later they found that if they filled 'em with helium they could be punctured by bullets and wouldn't explode like the ones filled with the explosive hydrogen."

Shosted would go up to almost 4,000 feet twice in balloons for a combined time of two hours — one hour on each trip.

"But in that short time you can find a whole new dimension of space and personal meaning. Things become more in perspective after being viewed from so high up."

World War II found Shosted in the service of the military again, this time with the 61st Naval Construction Battalion. He served in the South Pacific — mainly in the Philippines — and saw his son Rush whom he hadn't seen in months.

The younger Shosted, now 50, is a teacher in the Van Nuys area.

After World War II Shosted worked for the county for 15 years as a detention camp supervisor in the Malibu area for men convicted on failure-to-provide charges. The famed naked woman on the tunnel in Malibu was one of his favorite "resurfacing" projects.

Now long retired, he has never forgotten his odysseys in the air.

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L.A. Philharmonic to Give Duarte Concert

On Friday, May 10, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing at Duarte High School.

Associate conductor Sidney Harth will lead the orchestra in a family concert which is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.

In order to keep the admission within the range of the majority of families in the area, the Duarte Friends of the Philharmonic, a volunteer group, is seeking financial support from local citizens and businesses by way of "patron" and "angel" donations.

A patron donation of $25 or more will include two seats in the reserved section. An angel donation of $5 or more, will be used to provide admission for interested students unable to purchase their own tickets.

Both patrons and Angels will be listed in the concert program and, of course, all donations are tax-deductible.

Those wishing to purchase individual tickets may do so by donating $3 for adults, and $1.50 for students. These prices will include seats in the general admission section.

Reserved seating will also be available for a donation of $4 for adults and $2 for students.

Tickets are on sale at Duarte High School Student Store; the Duarte Chamber of Commerce; Captone Music Store, 134 E. Foothill, Azusa; Hanich Music Store, 235 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina; and various outlets throughout the community.

Net proceeds from the event will go to the Duarte High School Associated Student Body Fund for construction of a stage for the performing arts.

6 Local Drivers Honored

Six local residents were among the 16 top prize winners at the 36th annual Drivers Award Breakfast, sponsored by the ConRock Company of Los Angeles, at the Police Academy recently.

Cash awards were shared by the following who have enviable records of driving without chargeable accident: Robert Alderson, Montclair — 228 months of safe driving; James Beckman, Baldwin Park — 201 months; James Gant, San Gabriel — 221 months; Arthur Garcia, Arcadia — 224 months; Clinton Goforth, San Dimas — 229 months; and Louie Miranda, Baldwin Park — 189 months.

Guest speakers at the event included California Highway

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Gilb, Saelid, Lauber Win Election

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1--2152 Highland Oaks	23	77	9	50	95	8	18	25	16	2	82	3	3	22
2--Highland Oaks School	21	177	20	114	182	12	45	75	33	5	151	12	13	47
3--[illegible] Grove	40	190	17	135	154	36	55	105	70	12	139	12	18	57
4--[illegible] Head Rd.	18	250	6	87	119	6	14	28	22	6	96	2	1	12
5--[illegible] San Carlos Rd.	29	273	24	247	190	10	41	69	46	9	139	14	9	29
6--[illegible] W. Forest Ave.	20	55	7	54	33	10	35	26	36	2	23	2	1	3
7--Foothills Jr. High	34	134	10	127	89	26	27	48	54	5	62	17	18	21
8--[illegible] E. Forest Ave.	29	96	22	90	55	71	64	60	55	3	73	21	20	47
9--City Ha[illegible]	12	68	13	61	43	32	41	109	72	5	91	11	10	29
10--[illegible] Catalina Rd.	14	191	27	87	140	30	51	120	74	5	288	11	14	70
11--Hugo Reid School	22	208	49	118	114	23	63	99	62	4	279	17	25	79
12--702 Joaquin Rd.	26	123	32	126	101	28	62	62	52	5	179	10	18	57
13--[illegible] Coronado Dr.	16	97	26	68	47	31	41	58	15	9	85	10	12	43
14--[illegible] S. Golden West	14	73	25	82	60	31	64	60	26	11	62	11	16	31
15--820 S. Golden West	13	45	14	56	33	17	35	31	12	4	35	10	12	17
16--833 W. Fairview Av.	31	127	22	116	91	24	56	67	34	8	84	22	11	23
17--Holly Avenue School	40	182	53	138	91	54	93	107	105	16	97	30	21	13
18--Baldwin Hooper Sch.	33	170	57	163	113	58	138	119	82	12	142	32	20	41
19--[illegible] W. Longden Ave.	35	107	72	84	80	34	97	92	49	7	99	14	16	62
20--Honolulu Way School	17	101	31	88	94	34	76	76	63	6	124	18	16	49
21--[illegible] W. Longden Ave.	28	110	45	109	82	44	127	70	73	7	82	21	28	38
22--Santa Anita School	27	139	37	107	95	44	128	87	61	5	114	27	9	51
23--City Library	12	70	21	73	64	44	103	93	107	10	82	16	4	32
24--First Ave. Jr. High	16	65	11	55	57	40	69	81	154	9	80	11	9	46
25--[illegible]na Jr. High	23	109	39	104	82	39	39	89	76	6	81	19	23	72
26--Oakmont Grove School	14	122	25	105	87	45	49	64	66	4	94	20	19	53
27--[illegible] W. Tenth Ave.	16	98	25	89	55	40	54	65	68	4	81	15	15	41
28--[illegible] E. Norman Ave.	23	134	37	120	106	40	54	73	68	6	110	24	21	87
29--[illegible] E. Longden Ave.	28	141	85	106	79	40	47	72	60	11	76	15	11	68
30--[illegible] E. Rodell Dr.	26	100	38	90	73	41	52	67	65	7	59	11	21	89
31--[illegible] E. Eighth Ave.	17	74	24	64	42	23	32	51	30	8	32	11	11	77
32--[illegible] E. Colorado Pl.	14	142	9	90	79	12	43	127	53	6	168	5	12	88
Totals	747	4147	943	3275	2901	1044	1934	2407	1915	222	3440	509	477	1647

PRECINCT DATA — Above is the Arcadia vote tally broken down by precincts and candidates in alphabetical order.

By HELEN O. SCHRADER
City Editor

Charles E. Gilb took a commanding lead early Tuesday evening and never relinguished it as returns began coming through in Arcadia's hotly contested municipal election.

He remained in top spot throughout the election although a see-saw battle developed for the two other council seats, with Jack Saelid eventually edging Floretta Lauber out for the second spot. Gilb, Saelid and Mrs. Lauber were the winners.

Irvin I. Livingston Jr. ran neck and neck during most of the evening with Saelid. Saelid's enormous strength in his home territory, the Rancho Santa Anita area, paid off.

Fourteen candidates were vying for three seats being vacated by three retiring councilmen, Mayor Bob Arth and Councilmen Ed Butterworth and Don Hage. Under terms of the city charter, a council member may serve only two consecutive four year terms.

Two charter changes, one of which would have allowed a councilman to serve three consecutive terms, were soundly defeated. The second one provided for a municipal run-off election unless a candidate received 40 per cent of the votes cast.

Both propositions, A and B, were proposed and supported by the present council, with the exception of Butterworth, but all the candidates opposed them.

In the unofficial tally, Prop. 1 lost 5,908 to 2,562, and Prop. B lost 6,566 to 1,950.

Gilb, who was considered the leading contender throughout the campaign, ran in the money in all but two of the 32 precincts. Those two, in the city's downtown area, were carried by Reuben Ruiz, Saelid, John Mynster and David Parry.

Ruiz, a political unknown until a few months ago when he emerged as the champion of anti-community redevelopment forces in Arcadia, ran a surprisingly low seventh in the race. He had expected more support for his stand, but much of that support apparently went to Saelid.

Saelid did not make a major issue of redevelopment, but his stand against it was well known. His platform was based on the need to protect Arcadia's image as a city of fine homes, without further encroachment by commercial interests.

Gilb ran first in 18 precincts, second in eight and third in three. Edged out by Dr. Alton Scott in the election two years ago, he waged an aggressive campaign, based primarily on the need for a successful businessman on the council. He owns a wholesale produce firm in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lauber followed closely on Gilb's heels as returns trickled in throughout the evening. She ran first in only two precincts but ran second in 14 and third in five. She was firmly in second place until late in the evening, after most of the spectators had left, when the city clerk discovered one precinct had not been included in the final tally although it had been recorded on the blackboard. This change was enough to edge Saelid into second spot.

Mrs. Lauber, who based her campaign on her experience in city government, is the first woman ever to be elected to Arcadia City Council. She has served a year on the personnel commission and eight years on the planning commission.

Two other women in the race, May Secrest and Terry Sivertson, placed 12th and 13th respectively.

Livingston was a strong contender, but managed to win only two precincts in the Highland Oaks area near his home. He ran second in two precincts and third in five.

David Parry and John Mynster, both political unknowns, collected a respectable number of votes for themselves, placing fifth and sixth in the race. William H. Weiss, who had expected support from the Rancho area, having been president of the Rancho Santa Anita Residents Association, was disappointed. Most of his support came from the southeast section of Arcadia. He is a teacher at Dana Junior High School in that area.

CHARLES E. GILB
. . . wins seat

JACK SAELID
. . . runs second

FLORETTA LAUBER
. . . first woman

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